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Mr. William F. Caton
Acting Secretary
Federal Communications Commission
445 12th Street, S.W.
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Re: CC Docket No. 96-45 – Definition of Universal Service

Dear Mr. Caton:

This letter is to report that during the NARUC winter meetings in Washington, D.C., I gave some staff members of the Federal-State Joint Board on Universal Service the attached document. The paper is a summary of TDS Telecom's position on issues raised in the above-referenced rulemaking proceeding in connection with expanding the definition of supported universal services. The positions it reflects are discussed in TDS Telecom's comments and reply comments on the definition issues.

In the event of any questions about this matter, please let me know.

Very truly yours,

Margot Smiley Humphrey

Enclosure